

REMARKS

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed in the application on September 29, 2005. Claims 1-15 are pending. Claims 1-6 and 9-15 have been cancelled. Claims 7 and 8 have been amended and claims 16-19 have been added. No fee is believed to be necessary for filing this Amendment. However, authorization is granted to charge our Deposit Account No. 03-3415 for any fees necessary for entry of this Amendment.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 and 9-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Escritt et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,548,282). Claims 1-6 and 9-15 have been cancelled, rendering the Examiner's rejection thereto as moot.

The Examiner has objected to claims 7 and 8 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant's claim 7 has been amended in independent form as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 7, as amended, and claim 8, which depends from claim 7, are submitted as patentable. Reconsideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

Newly added independent claims 16 and 17, which are directed to a method for displaying an image in an image display apparatus, each recite the unique feature of the applicant's invention as set forth in amended claim 7, namely, wherein the step of shortening the distance is performed by deforming at least one portion of the image display apparatus, and are submitted as patentable. Newly added claims 18 and 19 depend from claims 16 and 17, respectively, and are also submitted as patentable.

If the Examiner believes that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application, a request is made that the Examiner telephone applicant's counsel at (212) 790-9278.

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